

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 45th Mile Stone

AND/OR COMMON

Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 45 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 48)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off north side of Harris Mill Road, between T532, PA/Mason-Dixon Drive, MD; just east of Little Deer Creek

CITY, TOWN Maryland Line

☒ VICINITY OFCONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
MD: 2/ PA: 19

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
MD: Baltimore / PA: York**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION N/A(see surrounding property ownership list)
COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Baltimore County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

BA-1564 entered 3/8/79

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Baltimore County Office of Planning, County Courts Building

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE
Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1902</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. 45(48), a ¹⁷⁶⁶ crownstone, approximately marks Mason and Dixon's 45th mile west of the initial stone at the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning point of their West Line. It is one of only 24 original crownstones still standing along the West Line, and the only one remaining along the Baltimore/York county stretch, the other being a replica (No. 50). Because it "was out of the ground and lying on a steep hillside" at the time of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, it was relocated to the present site a short distance east and uphill in 1902.

The area here is gently rolling farmland interspersed with patches of deciduous woods; but with a residential subdivision (Heritage Farms) developing along the north side of the Line. The site is located about 1 mile northeast of the town of Maryland Line, MD; about 2½ miles southeast of the town of Shrewsbury, PA; at the south lot line of the subdivision, about 500' east of Little Deer Creek; about 800' north of Harris Mill Road; at the base of a large tree just east of a rocky outcropping near the top of the hill. It cannot be seen from any road, nor easily from closeby at any season; and is dubiously protected.

The crownstone, as with all other Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, was quarried and carved in England, of oolitic limestone, cut to stand about 3' above ground, with a low pyramidal top and a rough-cut base. It was reset to stand about 1½' high above ground at the relocated site, and surrounded below ground with a concrete collar. It now stands about 15" high, still firmly set but with the collar partially exposed from hillside washing. It is in fair condition, badly chipped all over the top and corners. It measures about 11¼" wide by about 14" high on the north side facing Pennsylvania; the shield from the Penn coat of arms is quite clear and some fluting and margins remain. The east side measures about 12" wide by about 14½" high above the foundation; most fluting and margins remain. The south side facing Maryland measures about 11¼" wide by about 15" high above the foundation; the shield of the Calvert coat of arms is clear but slightly damaged; some fluting and margins remain. The west side measures about 12" wide by about 15" high above the foundation; most fluting and margins remain. All top corners and edges have been chipped away; planes barely discernible and deteriorated.

(Also see Thematic Group NR nomination form for further descriptions.)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1766

~~MM/DEN/ARCH~~ Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for significance and history of entire survey and monumentation)

Milestone No. 45(48), an original crownstone of 1766, is significant primarily as one of only 24 crownstones remaining along the West Line, commonly known since Civil War times as the Mason-Dixon Line, notable for its historical impact and innovative boundary survey methods. ^{monument was reset at a} The/relocated site, established in 1902 further east on the Line, where it still stands to this day. Individually, and as one of 11 original markers along the present Baltimore/York county boundary, No. 45(48) is also significant locally as one of a diminishing number of objects and structures with an identifiable relationship to our colonial heritage.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form, Item 8)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see thematic group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreVERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

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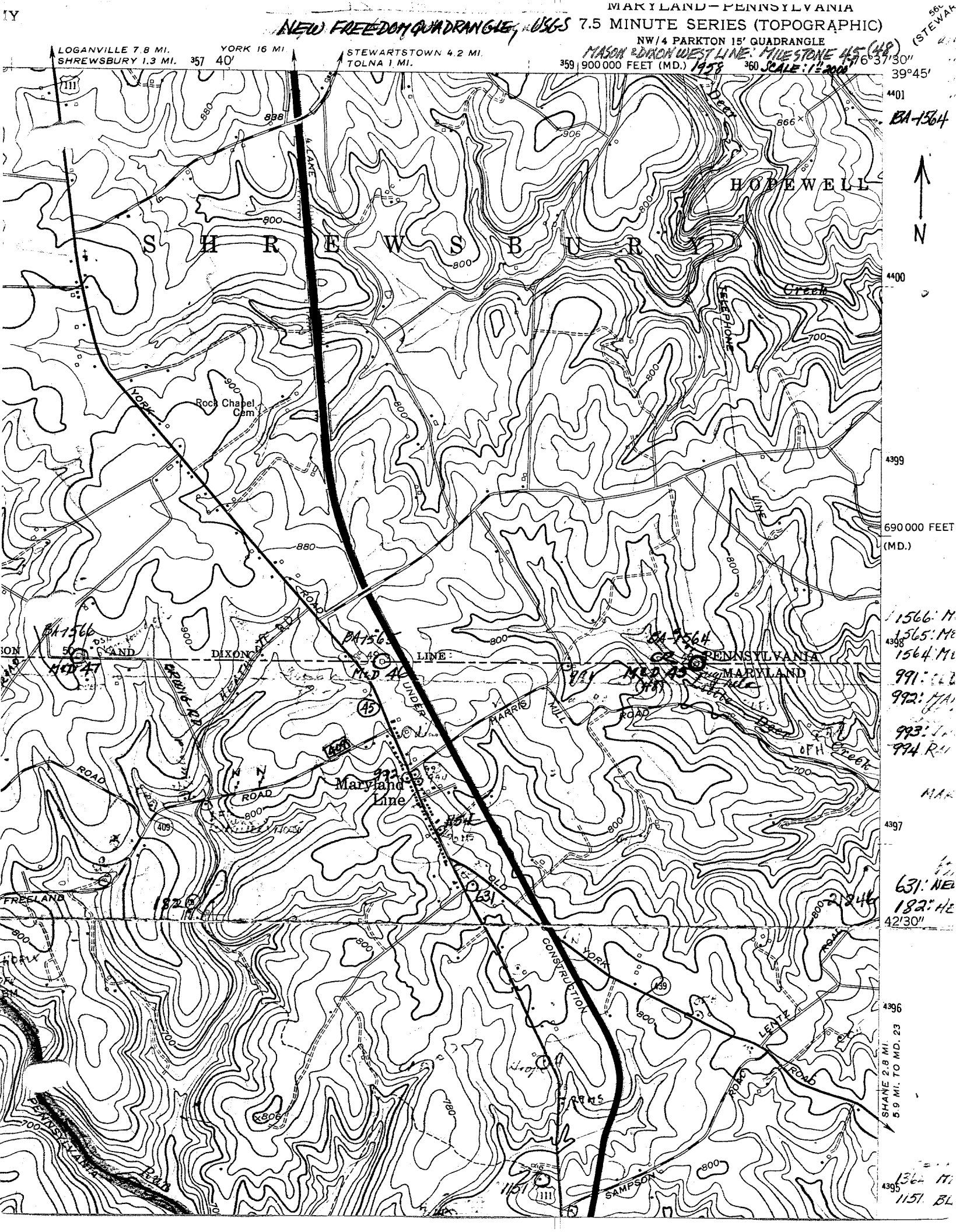
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE MarylandCOUNTY BaltimoreSTATE PennsylvaniaCOUNTY York**11 FORM PREPARED BY**NAME / TITLE Alice Martin (volunteer historic sites surveyor)ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological SurveyDATE 12/9/79 (site surveyed)STREET & NUMBER 14308 Mount AvenueTELEPHONE 301/472-2128CITY OR TOWN PhoenixSTATE Maryland 21131

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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NEW FREEDOM QUADRANGLE, USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NW 1/4 PARKTON 15' QUADRANGLE

MASON & DIXON WEST LINE MILESTONE 45 (48)

359 900 000 FEET (MD.) 1928 360 SCALE: 1:25000

LOGANVILLE 7.8 MI.
SHREWSBURY 1.3 MI. 357 40'

YORK 16 MI.

STEWARTSTOWN 4.2 MI.
TOLNA 1 MI.

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39°45'
4401
BA-1564
N
4400
4399
690 000 FEET (MD.)
1566: M
1565: M
1564: M
991: CL
992: MA
993: J
994: R
MAR
4397
631: NE
182: HE
42'30"
4396
SHANE 2.8 MI.
5.9 MI. TO MD. 23
1366: M
1151: BL



45

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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 45(48), SW CORNER (-/CALVERT
SHIELD)

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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 45(48), NE CORNER (-/PENNSHIELD)

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